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SUBJECT: MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN TAIWAN AREA LAST QUARTER
CY 1975

REF: TAIPEI 6256

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO DOD
TO REDUCE US MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN TAIWAN AREA DUR-
ING PERIOD OF SECRETARY'S AND PRESIDENT'S TRIPS TO
PRC IN LAST QUARTER CY 1975:

(A) CANCELLATION OF ALL MILITARY EXERCISES, SPECIFIC-
ALLY INCLUDING LARK EXERCISES IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER
AND DECEMBER; SHARK HUNT IN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER;
BLUESKY IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

(B) CANCELLATION OF RADM WHITMORE VISIT ON BOARD
USS DENVER.
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(C) CANCELLATION OF VISIT OF OKLAHOMA CITY, THOUGH
NOT TRAVEL TO TAIWAN OF VADM HAYWARD IF HE CHOOSES TO
TRAVEL TO ROC BY AIR.

(D) CANCELLATION OF VISITS BY USS NEW ORLEANS AND

USS FORT FISHER IF MARINES EMBARKED.

2. WE ARE REVIEWING SHIP VISITS REPORTED TAIPEI 6254
TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOME SHOULD NOT BE CANCELLED OR
POSTPONED, AND WILL INFORM YOU OF OUR DECISION.

3. AS YOU KNOW, DURING PAST SEVERAL YEARS WE HAVE MADE
CONCERTED EFFORT TO REDUCE FREQUENCY OF TRAVEL TO ROC
BY HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DOD PERSONNEL. WE
WILL ADOPT PARTICULARLY RESTRICTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD
SUCH VISITS IN FOURTH QUARTER OF CY 1975.

4. FYI - WE HAVE JUST WITHHELD OUR CONCURRENCE FROM
TWO VISITS BY FLAG LEVEL OFFICERS TO TAIWAN: VISIT
OF VADM ROBERT C. GOODING (CDR. NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS)
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED 17-21 OCTOBER, AND THE VISIT OF
RADM THOMAS J. KILCLINE (COMUSNAVPHIL) ORIGINALLY
SCHEDULED 22-25 OCTOBER.

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